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- WALLIS ISLAND FW8ZZ DXPEDITION DEDICATED TO LOST DXERS
- SARL HF PHONE CONTEST ON THE AIR TODAY 1 AUGUST FROM 15:00 - 18:00
- DATES AND RULES FOR SARL FIELDDAY CONTEST HAVE BEEN CHANGED. THE NEW DATE IS OCTOBER 9 AND 10.
- WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY ON SEPTEMBER 18 TO CELEBRATE SUCCESS IN AMATEUR DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

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SILENT KEY

The Midlands Amateur Radio Club regret to announce the passing of Norman Leonard, S5NL. Norman was a member of the Midlands Amateur Radio Club Committee during the year 1998/1999, and was noted for his enthusiasm and hard work on behalf of Amateur Radio. He was re-elected to the Committee at the Annual General meeting held on Wednesday 21st July, 1999, at which he was also presented with the Bennett Cup, an annual award made to the Club member considered to have made the greatest single contribution to MARC during the closing year. To his family and friends we offer our sincere condolences

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WALLIS ISLAND FW8ZZ DXPEDITION DEDICATED TO LOST DXERS

The FW8ZZ DXpedition to Wallis Island which got underway on July 30 is dedicated to the memory of Chuck Swain, K7LMU, and Ted Thorpe, ZL2AWJ. Both were lost at sea in January 1966 when returning aboard the ketch *Marinero* from their DXpedition to Wallis Island as FW8ZZ.

"They were two fine gentlemen and we should not forget them," said Jarmo J. Jaakola, OH2BN, who will handle QSLs for the FW8ZZ trip. "It is time to pay homage to those who captured our imagination and helped to create the art and artistry of DX." Jaakola called the original FW8ZZ expedition "an inspiration for many of us who wanted to follow in their footsteps."

Flowers were dropped from their plane as the group approached the area where Swain and Thorpe were lost.

The 1999 FW8ZZ DXpedition hit the airwaves July 30 and close down August 3, 1999. A special effort will be made to include operation on the so-called "WARC" bands, but all regular DX bands will be offered. Frequencies will include 3.502, 3.795, 7.002, 7.095, 14.024, 14.195, 21.024, 21.295, 28.002 and 28.495. Equipment includes a Yaesu FT-1000MP and an FT-900 with amplifiers.

Operators are Eric Espositi, FK8GM, Kan Mizoguchi, JA1BK, Leena Laine, OH2BE, and Martti Laine, OH2BH.

ARRL DX Advisory Committee Chairman Wayne Mills, N7NG, will act as a global pilot for this expedition. He can be reached at n7ng@arrl.net QSLs for FW8ZZ go to Jarmo J. Jaakola, OH2BN, Kiillette 5-C-30, FIN-00710, Helsinki, Finland.

NEW RULES AND DATES FOR THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN HF FIELD DAY CONTEST

By popular request the dates and rules for the South African Field Day have been changed. The date for 1999 is 12h00 SAST on 9th October 1999 to 12h00 SAST on 10th October 1999. From next year this contest will always be held during the 2nd weekend in March.

The aim of the Southern African HF Field Day Contest is to involve Southern African stations in a competitive and fun type event held under simulated emergency conditions. The contest is open to all licensed amateur radio operators in the Southern African region, competing in a single category, whether club or single operator field stations.

Stations and antennas may not be deployed before 09h00 SAST on 9th October. No equipment of any sort may be on site before the above date and time. The contest will be run on the 160, 80, 40, and 20-metre bands. Only CW and SSB modes may be used. Only wire antennas may be used. Gain antennas may be used if constructed of wire. AC Mains supplies may not be used. Power must be from batteries or portable generators, solar panels or wind driven generators. Batteries may not be charged from the mains during the contest even if such charging takes place off site

Full details can be found on the SARL Web at www.sarl.org.za. Details will also be published in the next SARL Newsletter for Clubs.

If your club is not on the Email or fax list for Club Newsletters, please Email details to SARLNEWS@intekom.co.za with a copy to ZS5DL@futurenet.co.za or fax details to 031 765-6456.

SARL NEWS FOR CLUBS is sent to SARL affiliated clubs on a regular basis with material for use in club newsletters and on club bulletins.

CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS LATELY

Have you changed your address lately and not notified the SARL and SATRA? The SARL is engaged in updating its data base in preparation for the next Call Sign Book and the web based call sign listing. This call to update concerns ALL radio amateurs NOT just SARL members. Please send in your change of address particulars to the SARL and of course to SATRA urgently. In your communication please supply full details, initials as well as first name, surname and callsign. Both your physical and postal addresses are needed if they are not the same. You may Email the details to sarl@intekom.co.za or fax to 011 675-2793. Address changes cannot be taken telephonically.

WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY TO CELEBRATE SUCCESS IN AMATEUR DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

The Administrative Council of the IARU has voted unanimously to dedicate this years' World Amateur Radio Day on September 18 to "Celebrating Success in Amateur Digital Communication.". World Amateur Radio Day will be celebrated for the last time on the third week of September this year. From 2000 the day will shift to the founding day of the IARU and will be celebrated every year on April 18

World Amateur Radio Day offers clubs huge public relations opportunities for Amateur Radio at a time when it is most needed. Please submit some of your ideas to SARLNEWS@ Intekom.co.za for the SARL Council to consider at their next meeting on August 7. Call the SARL comment line between now and 5 August on 088 100 3400 with your ideas and receive a free Y2K Telkom phone card.

HAMRADIO TO HELP CARAVAN CLUB TO COMMUNICATE

On 4 September the Caravan Club of Southern Africa will be holding a rally with a difference. Radio Amateurs will join the various regional rally's and assist caravaners to communicate with each other and to exchange greetings.

Caravaners will be encouraged to talk on the air with as many other CCSA members as possible under the supervision of licensed Amateurs The 40 and 20 metrebands will be used with activity on 20 metres centred around 14170 kHz. At midday the President of the CCSA and the President of the SARL will transmit messages

Radio Clubs are urged to participate in the event. For details of the various Rally site please contact Derek McGillewic at 031 466 6421. Participating club are requested to send details and the name of a contact person to the SARL so that publicity material can be provided for distribution at the event. Please email Michelle at sarl@intekom.co.za or fax to 011 675 2983

NEW MEMBERS

The SARL welcomes the following new members this week:

Anton Lombard ZS6WG Fred Beytell ZR6FJB Hofie van der Hoven ZS6CC

Congratulations on joining the winning team. Winning for Amateur Radio.

FLARES CAN BE EXPECTED

For the period 31 July to 6 August solar activity will be low to high with flux levels in the 180's to low 200's. M-class flares can be expected with a small possibility of X-class flares during this period, reports Dwight West ZS6NT. Geo-magnetic conditions will remain quiet to unsettled with occasional active periods and will be very much influenced by flare activity. Conditions should be good to very good.

Last week solar activity was low to high with the flux increasing into the 200's. A major flare occurred on the 29th. The A-index ranged between 3 and 25. Geo-magnetic conditions were quiet to very active. This resulted in generally very good to poor conditions.

NEW COMMITTEE

The following officers were elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Cape Town Amateur Radio Centre:

Chairman: Bud Voortman, ZS1B Secretary: Robert Page, ZS1AAN Treasurer: Dudley Burrows, ZS1DB Members: Bernie, ZS1BW, Theo McDuling, ZS1TRM, Davy Smeda, ZR1FR : John Haycox, ZS1AGH, Pierre Tromp, ZR1PDT, Dave Reece, ZS1DFR and Barry Fletcher, ZS1FJ

The West Rand Branch has elected the following members to their new committee :

Chairman: Bill ZS6REV Vice Chairman Tom ZR6BHV Treasurer Dave ZR6AOC Secretary Stephen ZR6SJK Members: Chris ZR6AVA, Keith ZS6AGF, Phillip ZR6PD and Sarel ZS6APO

DIARY OF ACTIVITY

The SARL HF Phone contest will be held today, August 1 from 15:00 - 18:00. Full details are available on the SARLweb at www.sarl.org.za

On the 12th of August ,Hans Potgieter ZS6ALJ, president of the SARL, will join and address the Pretoria Amateur Radio Club on the occasion of their 70th AGM. We are all aware that this is not actually the 70th AGM of the PARC but in reality they only had a name change and are still the same organisation with a long and proud history.

From 13 to 14 August 1999 the East Rand Amateur Radio Club will be hosting a special event station on HF and VHF at the John Vorster Stadium in Nigel. On August 14 there will be a boot sale from 10:00 - 12:00. There is no charge for the bootsale, but visitors will have to pay entrance into the stadium.

The Garden Route Radio Club will be holding its AGM on 21 August at the Mosgas Information Centre in Mosselbaai. Activity will start at 12:00. The

events include a bring and braai and a fleamarket. For more information contact Chris Meyer ZS1M.

SA AMSAT will be holding its next meeting at the National Amateur Radio Centre on Wednesday 25 August at 18:00.

The West Rand Amateur Radio Club will be holding a boot Sale at their club House, Kroton Road, Roodepoort on Saturday 28 August from 08:00. For details contact Bill van Zyl during office hours on 011 726-6807

Radio Clubs are invited to supply information for inclusion in the Diary of events. Information must reach the SARL News Service by not later than two weeks before the event. Information may be faxed to 031 765-6456 or by Email to: sarlnews@intekom.co.za. Please note the correct Email address.

The South African Radio League provides this bulletin of news as a service to Radio Amateurs and interested listeners on the African Continent. Join us on Sundays at 12:00 for the President's Net on 7082 kHz. This bulletin was written by ZS5AKV and read by ..

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Every Sunday you are invited to listen to Amateur Radio Mirror International. The programme is on the air on Sundays at 10:00 SAST on 9750 and 21530 kHz and repeated on Mondays at 20:00 SAST on 3215 kHz. Sentech, the common carrier for broadcasting signals in South Africa and Telkom who provides the transmission lines, sponsor these transmissions. The following VHF frequencies are also activated from the Sentech Meyerton Transmitter site: 145,375 for the Northern Free State and Vaal triangle areas and 145,400 covering the greater Johannesburg area. In the greater Durban area there is a relay on 145,650 MHz.

ends - ZS5AKV.